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OPA Daily Digest for 6/24/14

Congressional Inquiries:

Sen. Roy Blunt (Mo.) – Email/Letter – 6/20/14: Gentry County concerned with EPA fine for violation of the CWA. Due: 7/7/14. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Rep. Sam Graves (Mo.); **Rep. Vicky Hartzler** (Mo.); **Rep. Jason Smith** (Mo.); **Rep. Ann Wagner** (Mo.); **Rep. Billy Long** (Mo.); **Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer** (Mo.); **Rep. Kevin Yoder** (Kan.); **Rep. Lynn Jenkins** (Kan.); **Rep. Adrian Smith** (Neb.) – Letter – 6/17/14: Concerns regarding the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permitting of Water Treatment Plant lime residuals along the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. Due: 7/2/14. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Associated Press, Kansas City - Maria Fisher – 6/2/14: Follow-up questions regarding National Zinc site in Cherryvale, Kan. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (open)

Wall Street Journal – John Emshwiller – 6/20/14: Follow-up questions about EPA's cleanup levels for total Radium and Thorium-230 in the Supplemental Feasibility Study Work Plan for OU-1 at the West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal – Nick Hytrek – 6/23/14: Questions about Larry Wolf and Tri-State Community Services of Sioux City, Iowa, and possible EPA R7 enforcement activity. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

KWMU Public Radio, St. Louis – Veronique LaCapra – 6/24/14: Questions about 2005 Missouri DNR sampling of haul route along St. Charles Rock Road outside the West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Environmental Stories:

Quad-City Times - Environmental group targets Ernst - 6/24/14 - A coalition of environmental groups said today it will spend \$1 million this campaign season to try to defeat Iowa Senate hopeful Joni Ernst, a Republican from Red Oak. "Extremists like Sarah Palin and the Koch brothers are backing Joni Ernst because they know she would do their bidding in

Washington. Her plan to abolish the EPA and threaten our air and water is just too extreme for Iowa," Gene Karpinski, president of the League of Conservation Voters, said in a statement.

http://qctimes.com/news/local/government-and-politics/environmental-group-targets-ernst/article_102f13c1-3159-54ae-8bfa-4b40c2d3b8e2.html

Washington Post - Environmental groups unleash \$1 million campaign against Joni Ernst in Iowa - 6/24/14 - A trio of environmental groups on Tuesday launched a \$1 million campaign to help Rep. Bruce Braley (D) win the race for U.S. Senate in Iowa by taking on his opponent, state Sen. Joni Ernst (R).

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics/wp/2014/06/24/environmental-groups-unleash-1-million-campaign-against-joni-ernst-in-iowa/>

Iowa Public Radio - EPA Gets A Win From Supreme Court On Global Warming Emissions — Mostly - 6/24/14 - The U.S. Supreme Court gave the Environmental Protection Agency the green light to regulate greenhouse gases that are emitted from new and modified utility plants and factories on Monday.

<http://iowapublicradio.org/post/supreme-court-epa-gets-win-conditions-attached>

The Emporia Gazette - More details in pipeline release - 6/24/14 - The noxious smell as well as many questions still linger in rural Lyon County following the incident at Panhandle Eastern Pipeline on Thursday.

http://www.emporiagazette.com/area/news/article_18a0388e-1775-5b87-b9f5-1fa65f043054.html

infoZine - Supreme Court Again Upholds EPA's Authority to Fight Global Warming - 6/24/14 - In a landmark victory for efforts to curb carbon pollution and fight the climate crisis, the U.S. Supreme Court today once again vindicated the Environmental Protection Agency's authority to regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act.

<http://www.infozine.com/news/stories/op/storiesView/sid/59212/>

KHAS-TV, Hastings, Neb. - Supreme Court Rules On Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Bruning Reacts - 6/24/14 - Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning applauded today's decision. He said in a statement "Today's ruling is a victory for consumers dependent upon affordable energy and a resounding defeat for the overreaching EPA."

<http://www.khastv.com/story/supreme-court-rules-on-greenhouse-gas-emissions-bruning-reacts-20140623>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

6/24-25/14 – Four-State Directors Meeting (with Joe Goffman), Nebraska City, Neb. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

7/9/14 – Waters of the U.S. events with Nancy Stoner, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

7/9/14 – Hinkson Creek meeting, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Shawn Grindstaff, 7274

7/11/14 – Joint R6/R7 COOP Meeting, Dallas, Texas. Contact: Chris Taylor, 7736

7/16/14 – Tribal Consultation Training, Regional Office. Contact: Heather Hamilton, 7039

7/21-22/14 – Budget Forum, Washington, D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

7/23-24/14 – National Tribal Operations Committee Meeting, Washington DC. Contact: Lynn Slugantz, 7883

7/28-30/14 – Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting, Niobara, Neb. Contact: Lynn Slugantz, 7883

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***7/23-7/24/14** Executive Management Council Meeting, Washington, DC Contact: Dana Peters, x7444

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

None

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

9/29-30/14 - Healthy Schools Outreach, Missouri School Plant Managers' Association Conference, Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. Contact: Kathleen Fenton, 7874 and Harry Diesel, 7382

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None

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6/23-24/14 – Iowa Department of Natural Resources Copper Biotic Ligand Model Technical Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: John Reyna, 7021

6/23-26/14 – Office of Pesticide Programs/Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance National Federal Insecticide, Fungicide Rodenticide Act Supervisor's Meeting, Washington, DC. Contacts: Jamie Green, 7139, Royan Teter, 7609

6/24-26/14 – National Underground Injection Control Managers Meeting, Washington, DC. Contacts: Mary Mindrup, 7431, Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

6/25/14 – Providing Technical Training on the Revised Total Coliform Rule for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Drinking Water Program, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Stan Calow, 7410

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